

Status update

These are in addition to various projects and initiatives itemised in the Council's budgets and accounts and represent larger-scale activities deserving special attention.

Project	description	Status at July 2021	Status at October 2021	
1	Town Hall repairs & conservation	Replace boilers; Council Chamber redecoration and replace carpet; Corn Exchange and Lecture Room replace lighting; Yarrow Room replace carpet	Heating system: Acoustic survey underway. Electrical survey pending. Specialist sub-contractors tender invitations issued by Contractor.	Building W/party 23 rd Sept 2021 considered unforeseen elements (reported in Minutes). Consultants preparing revised options appraisal.
2	Pells Lake ecology project	Improvements to water quality. Introduction of aquatic plants. W/Party remit to consider structural integrity of lake perimeter. partially completed – specialist report obtained	Pending commencement of 3rd-party works in locality (flood defence structures and improvements to recreation facilities as conditions of North Street redevelopment planning consent) to achieve best value for money – links to item 3. May be revisited once status of new owners' revised planning application can be assessed.	No change
3	Pells Recreation Ground and kiosk/café development (with Pells Poll Community Association; North Street developers, and others)	Engagement with North Street developers and others to improve the “urban realm” in the area as an integral component of necessary flood-defence works; taking the opportunity to replace children's play equipment and introduce equipment for a wider age-range, and to provide an enhanced café facility for the swimming pool, recreation ground, and surrounding parkland.	See also item 2. Partially-developed plans on-hold pending improvements to local area as condition of North Street redevelopment planning consent to achieve best value for money.	No change. New owner of North Street land has commenced programme of public consultations on future vision and has declared intention to submit new application for Planning Consent within a year.
4	Malling (Bridgeview) Community Centre refurbishment	To carry out a comprehensive refurbishment of the community centre, with modern heating and lighting, with improved facilities for community use, including more flexible interior spaces and better integration of the sports changing-rooms with the adjoining sports pitches and recreation ground.	Snagging items nearly complete. Various equipment deliveries completed – others imminent. Catering contract draft in preparation. Agreement reached with District Council re access to changing facilities for hirers of pitches. Some hires booked and diary developing.	Most snagging items now dealt-with. Others scheduled. Building operational and popular. Catering lease draft prepared and considered by Malling Community Centre Steering Group 30 th Sept 2021 – reported in Minutes.
5	Continuing programme of environmental enhancements and specific site improvements	Engage with appropriate projects arising from third-party initiatives (eg highway safety/traffic management). Continuing improvements to own assets (eg allotment sites)	Continuing programme. Proposals to Council 29 th April 2021 re disbursement of funds for sustainability projects and contribution to costs of surfacing improvements to Ouse Valley Way. agreed – projects gradually restarting.	Projects gradually restarting.
6	Devolution of assets & services	Provide for transfer of ownership of various assets/services from Lewes District Council. (currently subject to ongoing negotiation)	Continuing. LDC have withdrawn the offers of sale regarding 2 Fisher St and Market Tower. Discussions postponed <i>in</i> Mountfield Pleasure Ground and Stanley Turner Trusts.	No change
7	DECISIONS re Retirement of key staff	Prepare strategy for recruitment of Town Clerk Designate and further staff establishment changes.	TC Designate appointed. Start date 1 st September.	TC Designate commenced in post 1 st September 2021. Proper Officer responsibilities to be transferred at Council 7 th October 2021. TC last working day 29 th October 2021.